DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY

WEATHER UPDATE FROM DEMHS AT 3:00 PM - MODERATE TO HEAVY RAIN AND STRONG WINDS STILL EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY...

The NWS has issued Flood Watches for Litchfield County for the day on Wednesday. A vigorous low pressure system currently located in the Northwestern Great Lakes is forecast to swing a strong cold front through the Eastern U.S. and into New England on Wednesday. Moderate to heavy rainfall along and ahead of the cold front will impact New England for approximately 12 - 18 hours on Wednesday along with strong winds.

Connecticut Forecast...

Tonight: Cloudy with rain showers and lows in the 40's. South winds increasing by daybreak to 15 - 20 MPH.

Wednesday Morning: Rain and wind gradually increasing in intensity from West to East during the mid to late morning. South winds may gust to 35 MPH by noontime.

Wednesday Afternoon: Rain heavy at times between 2:00 – 6:00 PM especially in Western CT. South winds increasing and gusting to 35 – 45 MPH at times between noon and 4:00 PM. Winds may gust to 55 MPH in the highest elevations.

Wednesday Evening: Rain and wind tapering off from West to East between 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Total rainfall is forecast to range from around an inch in Eastern CT up to 2 1/2 inches in Western CT. Isolated higher amounts up to 3" are possible in Western CT.

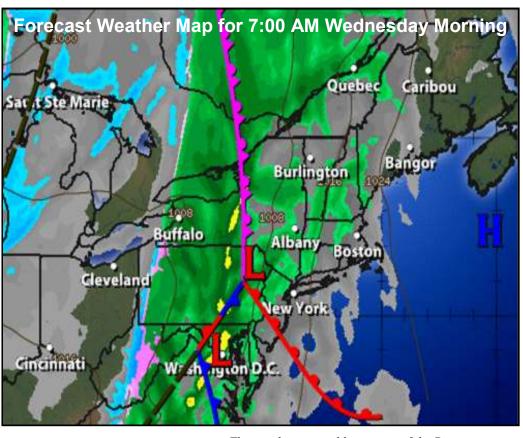
Expected Storm Impacts...

Heavy rain will likely cause some urban flooding in poorly drained areas in Western CT. Some small streams may also reach minor flooding levels during the late afternoon however major flooding is not expected at this time.

Strong winds gusting to as high as 45 - 55 MPH at times will likely cause some power outages across the entire state and may also cause some hazardous driving for high profile vehicles during Wednesday afternoon.

Some black ice may form Wednesday night with temperatures dropping to near 32 F.

The overall impact of this storm is still expected to be minor to moderate. The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor this storm and will issue another update at 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning.



NWS WATCHES AND WARNINGS

Wind Advisories
None at this time.

Flood Watch Litchfield County

Flood Advisories
None at this time.

Flood Warnings
None at this time.

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